



**CITY OF SANTA CLARA
PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE 49ers SANTA CLARA STADIUM PROJECT
4900 CENTENNIAL BOULEVARD, SANTA CLARA, CA 95054
Distribution Date: July 29, 2009**

TO: Responsible Agencies, Interested Parties, and Organizations

Purpose of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR): This Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) has been prepared for the 49ers Santa Clara Stadium Project. (Re: SCH#2008082084 / PLN2008-06947 / CEQ2008-01060). This Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as amended through the Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq., and the State CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Section 15000 et seq. The EIR is a full disclosure, public information document in which the significant environmental impacts of a proposed project are evaluated, feasible measures to mitigate significant environmental effects are identified, and alternatives to the project that can reduce or avoid significant environmental effects are discussed.

Project Location: The project site is comprised of four separate properties along the San Tomas Aquino Creek channel, including the proposed stadium site, the proposed parking garage site, the existing substation, and the proposed substation receiver site, which total 40.3 acres. The stadium site is an approximate 22-acre parking lot located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Tasman Drive and Centennial Boulevard in the City of Santa Clara. The parking garage is proposed on a 2.0 acre parking lot that is part of a 4.0-acre site on the north side of Tasman Drive, adjoining San Tomas Aquino Creek to the east, and adjoining the Santa Clara Golf and Tennis Club (on the City landfill) to the south. The existing substation is on 2.10 acres located at the southwest corner of San Tomas Aquino Creek and Tasman Drive. The proposed substation receiver site is southeast of the stadium site, on a vacant portion of a 14.2-acre property occupied by the Silicon Valley Power's Northern Receiving Station. The off-site parking is proposed to be located in existing parking facilities throughout the industrial office area that surrounds the proposed stadium site. Rights to the parking would be secured by contractual arrangements for large stadium events.

Project Description: The applicant is requests a General Plan Text Amendment to the existing Tourist Commercial designation, a Redevelopment Plan Amendment, Rezoning to Planned Development (PD), and a parking variance, in order to allow the construction of a 68,500 seat open-air stadium, with possible expansion for up to 75,000 seats, for use by up to two National Football League (NFL) teams and other non-NFL events that are compatible with the type of venue proposed. Other uses could include concerts and non-football sporting events.

Summary of Significant Environmental Effects: Implementation of the proposed project would result in potentially significant and significant impacts in the following areas: aesthetic/visual; air quality; archaeological; biological resources; drainage/absorption; fiscal; flood plain/flooding; geologic/seismic; noise; public services/facilities; recreation/parks; sewer capacity; soil erosion/compaction/grading; solid waste; toxic/hazardous; traffic/circulation; vegetation; water supply/groundwater; wetland/riparian; land use; and cumulative effects.

Availability of the Documents: A complete copy of the DEIR and all documents referenced in the EIR for this project may be reviewed at the following locations:

City of Santa Clara, Planning Division (West Wing) 1500 Warburton Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95050 Hours: Monday- Friday 8 AM- 12 Noon & 1 PM - 5 PM, excluding recognized holidays.	Santa Clara Central Library 2635 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, CA 95051 Hours: Monday-Tuesday 9 AM- 9 PM; Wednesday 12 Noon- 9 PM; Thurs.-Saturday 9 AM- 6 PM; Sunday 1 PM- 5 PM, excluding recognized holidays.
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A complete copy of the DEIR may also be viewed on the City's website, under the 49ers Update hyperlink, at: http://santaclaraca.gov/city_gov/49er-Stadium-DEIR.html

Public Comment Period: The public comment period on the DEIR will extend for a minimum of 45 days, **beginning Thursday, July 30, 2009 and ending Monday, September 14, 2009**. Comments that will be addressed and included in the Final EIR (FEIR) must be submitted in writing on or before the end of the public comment period. Written comments on the DEIR should be submitted no later than 5:00 PM on Monday, September 14, 2009 to:

Lead Agency: City of Santa Clara, Planning Division
Jeff Schwilk, AICP, Associate Planner
1500 Warburton Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95050 or email to jschwilk@santaclaraca.gov

Public Meeting Schedule (Tentative): The City of Santa Clara Planning Commission and City Council will hold public meetings on the EIR following the issuance of the Final EIR. These public hearings are anticipated to begin in October, 2009. Separate notices to property owners within 1,000 feet of the project site and other Interested parties will be mailed at least 10 days in advance of these meetings. Please contact the Santa Clara Planning Division to confirm meeting agendas, times and dates at (408) 615-2450 or E-mail: planning@santaclaraca.gov.

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Director of Planning and Inspection, City of Santa Clara

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